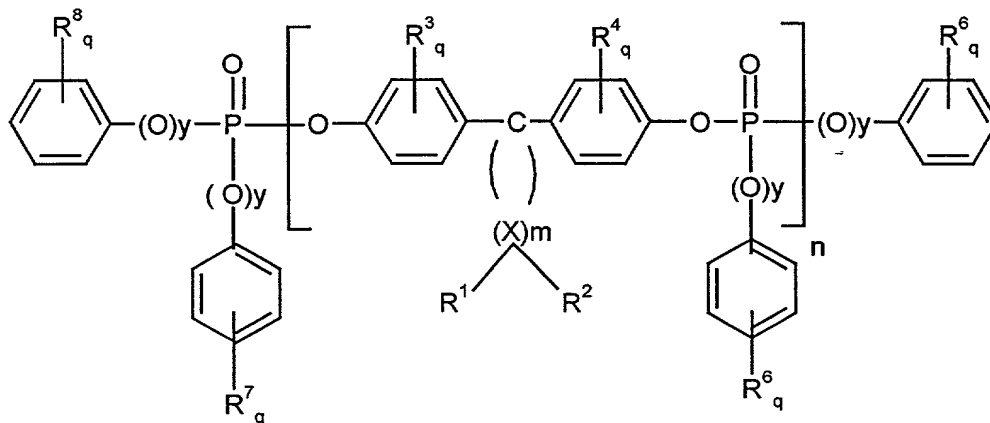


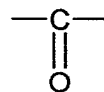
WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An oligophosphate of general formula



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wherein  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  independently of each other for each X, denote  
hydrogen or a  $C_{1-20}$  alkyl, cycloalkyl or aryl or together with the



carbon atom to which they are bonded form

or a cycloalkyl or together with corresponding  $R^1$  or  $R^2$  on a different  
carbon atom X, form a cyclic structure

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$R^3$  to  $R^8$ , independently of each other, denote a  $C_{1-10}$ -alkyl or a  
halogen,

X denotes carbon,

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m denotes an integer of 4 to 7,

n denotes an integer of 1 to 30,

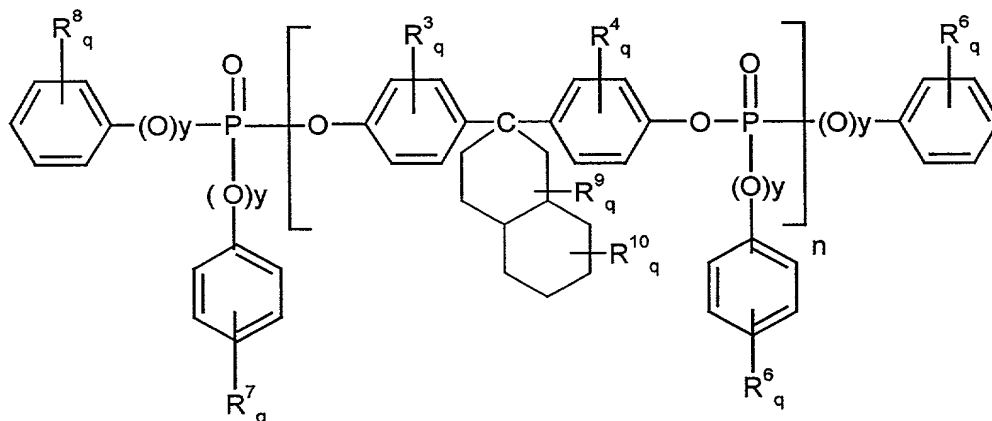
y is 0 or 1, and

q denotes numbers which are independent of each other, and  
represent an integer of 0 to 5.

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2. The oligophosphate according to Claim 1, wherein  $R^1$  or  $R^2$  on a carbon atom X, together with a  $R^{1'}$  or  $R^{2'}$  on a corresponding carbon atom  $X'$ , form a cycloalkyl structure.

5 3. An oligophosphate according to Claim 1 having the following formula



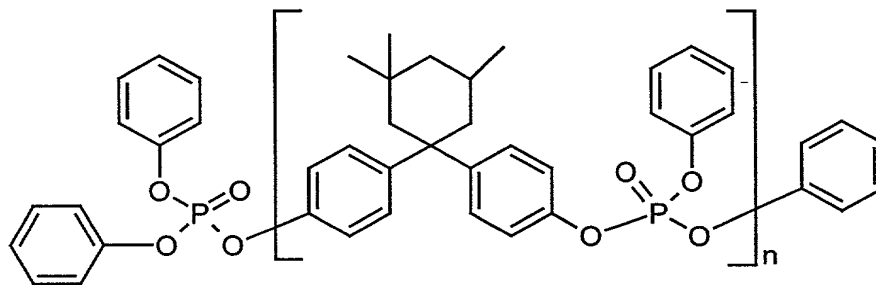
10 wherein  $R^9$  and  $R^{10}$  independently of each other, denote hydrogen  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl or a halogen, and q denotes numbers which are independent of each other and represent an interger from 0 to 4.

15 4. The oligophosphate according to Claim 1 wherein carbon contained in the cyclic structures is substituted by heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of -O-, -S-, -N- $R^1$ - and -P- $R^1$ -.

20 5. The oligophosphate according to Claim 1, wherein  $R^1$  and  $R^2$  denote hydrogen or a  $C_1$  to  $C_6$  alkyl,  $R^3$  to  $R^8$  denote a  $C_1$  to  $C_6$  alkyl, X denotes carbon,  $m = 4$  or  $5$ , n denotes an integer from 1 to 15, q denotes an integer from 0 to 5, and  $y = 1$ .

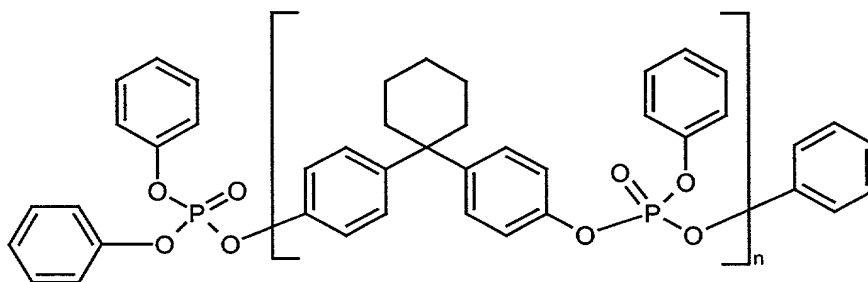
6. The oligophosphate according to Claims 1 wherein on at least one X R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> simultaneously represent methyl.

7. The oligophosphate according to Claim 1 conforming to



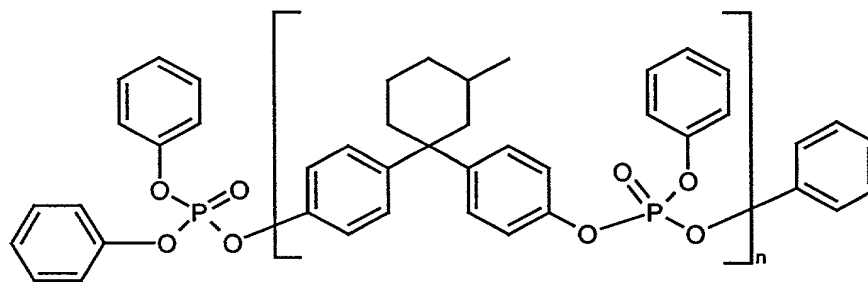
wherein n denotes an integer of 1 to 30.

8. The oligophosphate according to Claim 1 conforming to



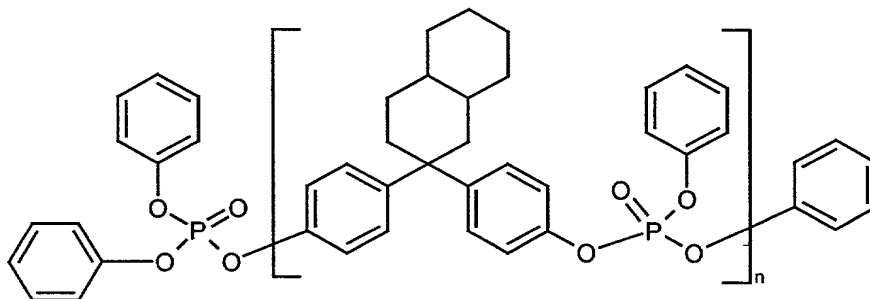
wherein n denotes an integer of 1 to 30.

9. The oligophosphate according to Claim 1 conforming to



wherein n denotes an integer of 1 to 30.

10. The oligophosphate according to Claim 1 conforming to



wherein n denotes an integer of 1 to 30.

11. A thermoplastic composition containing at least one thermoplastic resin and the oligophosphate according to Claim 1.
12. The thermoplastic composition according to Claim 10, wherein the thermoplastic resin is a member selected from the group consisting of polycarbonate, polyester carbonate, polyphenylene oxide, polyester, polyamide, polyester amide, vinyl (co)polymer and acrylic/butadiene/styrene (ABS) copolymer.
13. The thermoplastic composition according to Claim 10 comprising a polycarbonate, wherein, with respect to the weight of the composition, said composition contains up to 50 % by weight of a graft polymer comprising 5 to 95 % by weight of that polymer of at least one vinyl monomer grafted on 95 to 5 % by weight of at least one rubber as graft base having a glass transition temperature lower than about 10°C.
14. The thermoplastic composition according to Claim 12, wherein the graft base is a member selected from the group consisting of diene-, EP(D)M-, acrylate- and silicone rubber.

15. The thermoplastic composition according to Claim 12, wherein graft rubber is an emulsion- or bulk-polymerized ABS or mixtures thereof.

5 16. The thermoplastic composition according to Claim 10 which further contains a fluorinated polyolefin.

17. The thermoplastic composition according to Claim 10, which further contains a nano-scale inorganic material or talc .

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18. A molded article comprising the composition of Claim 10.

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